

ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



PRESIDENT'S 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission Statement

Roxbury Community College is a comprehensive, urban, student-centered, open-access community college providing higher learning opportunities for all who may benefit. The primary mission of the College is to serve the needs of a diverse Greater Roxbury area and the surrounding Boston metropolitan communities. Roxbury Community College offers quality post-secondary higher education learning opportunities in developmental academic skills, the liberal arts and sciences, career and transfer programs, workforce development, and private and public sector training. Roxbury Community College grants associate degrees and certificates, affording its students a solid foundation for college transfer, employment, professional advancement, personal enrichment and lifelong learning.

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Message from the President.....



Dear Colleagues and Friends:

It is with great enthusiasm that I bring to you Roxbury Community College's 2006 Annual Report. Roxbury Community College continues to help thousands of urban students annually achieve their goals through the liberal arts and sciences, career and transfer programs, workforce development, and public and private sector training.

Roxbury Community College is a fully-accredited, small, urban, student-centered, open-access community college which serves with excellence a population of over 5,000

students annually. Our mission is to serve a diverse student population that is drawn from Greater Roxbury and the surrounding Boston metropolitan communities.

During the past year, Roxbury Community College achieved significant milestones in a number of areas. Roxbury Community College experienced a 3.5% enrollment increase in spring 2006 and a 5% increase in fall 2006. Under the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, we also undertook the creation of our new Enrollment Center, which is intended to provide a welcoming, one-stop customer service atmosphere for both new and continuing students.

In May 2006, we held our 2nd Annual Faculty Academy. This faculty-driven activity was a three-day event, which focused on teaching, learning, and technological professional development for full and part-time faculty.

In the area of Allied Health, RCC continues to expand its offerings. The Nursing Division has expanded with the addition of new faculty, staff, and revised curriculum.

Through our Information Technology Division, a state-of-the-art technology upgrade, including wireless hardware and software, has been planned for all of our technology classrooms and labs.

The Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center continues to host world-class events, including the USA Track and Field Event, the Bay State Games, and other notable events. The Athletics Department has added soccer, which will become a varsity sport in 2007, along with men's and women's track.

Through the diligent efforts of the Roxbury Community College Foundation's numerous events, donations from generous backers have been gratefully received.

In conclusion, 2006 was a productive year for Roxbury Community College. Having completed Year Two of our five-year Strategic Plan, we find we have accomplished many of our goals, though we are aware that there is much more work to be done. I ask that you consider partnering with us, either with your time, talent, or donations, to help Roxbury Community College continue to improve and expand opportunities for our deserving students.

Dr. Terrence A. Gomes
President

Academic Affairs



Liz Walker, host of WBZ-TV's *Sunday Morning*, spoke to students about the human rights crisis in Darfur.



Faculty Academy: (left to right) **Richard Eells**, **Clark Grain**, **Eric Entermann** and **Alex Asare** received the 2006 "Through the Gateway Award" for the Mathematics Department.

Liberal Arts Faculty members: **Sterling Giles** (standing, right), **Mustafa Mohamed**, and **Ruth Kiefson- Roberts**.



Graduation speaker **Callie Crossley**, former ABC News producer and television commentator.



Graduation, May 2006

Entrepreneur Club





Dr. Brenda Mercomes (right), Vice-President of Academic Affairs, presented **Jennie Thrash**, Career and Transfer Service Advisor, with the 2006 "Through the Gateway Award".



College Board guidance counselors workshop

Stephanie Janey, Vice-President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, presented a workshop at Faculty Academy in May.



The library entrance doors are being displayed once again. The doors were created by Napoleon Jones-Henderson in 1991.



Nurses' Pinning Ceremony

Enrollment Management and Student Affairs

Enrollment Center

The Enrollment Center which opened in Fall 2006 was created to provide one-stop access to students who wish to register for courses at RCC. Located on the first floor of the Administration Building, the Center represents a merger of the Admissions and Registrar's staff. Academic advising, Business Office, and Financial Aid functions will also be incorporated into the Center during busy registration periods. The new Center will provide enrollment and registration services in a more convenient, welcoming, and customer friendly manner to new and continuing students.



Career Services

The following four RCC graduates were admitted to Northeastern University and were awarded the NEU/RCC SAEP Scholarship: Eyob Berhe (Pharmacy), Hafsa Mohamed (Management), Maties Getachew (International Business), and Amadu Sillah (Engineering). This \$10,000.00 award is renewable for three years, pending continued satisfactory academic achievement.

Cyber Café

A team of graduate students from MIT has worked with the vice president to develop a design to convert the Student Lounge on the first floor of the Student Center into a Student Lounge and Café where students can grab coffee or a snack, check their e-mail, and meet with students, or faculty in a comfortable, relaxed setting. The team is using a Design/Build approach that will eventually involve RCC students in the construction phase of the project. The Café will enhance student life and generate a more welcoming presence on campus. Efforts are currently underway by the executive director of Development to identify private funding for the project.

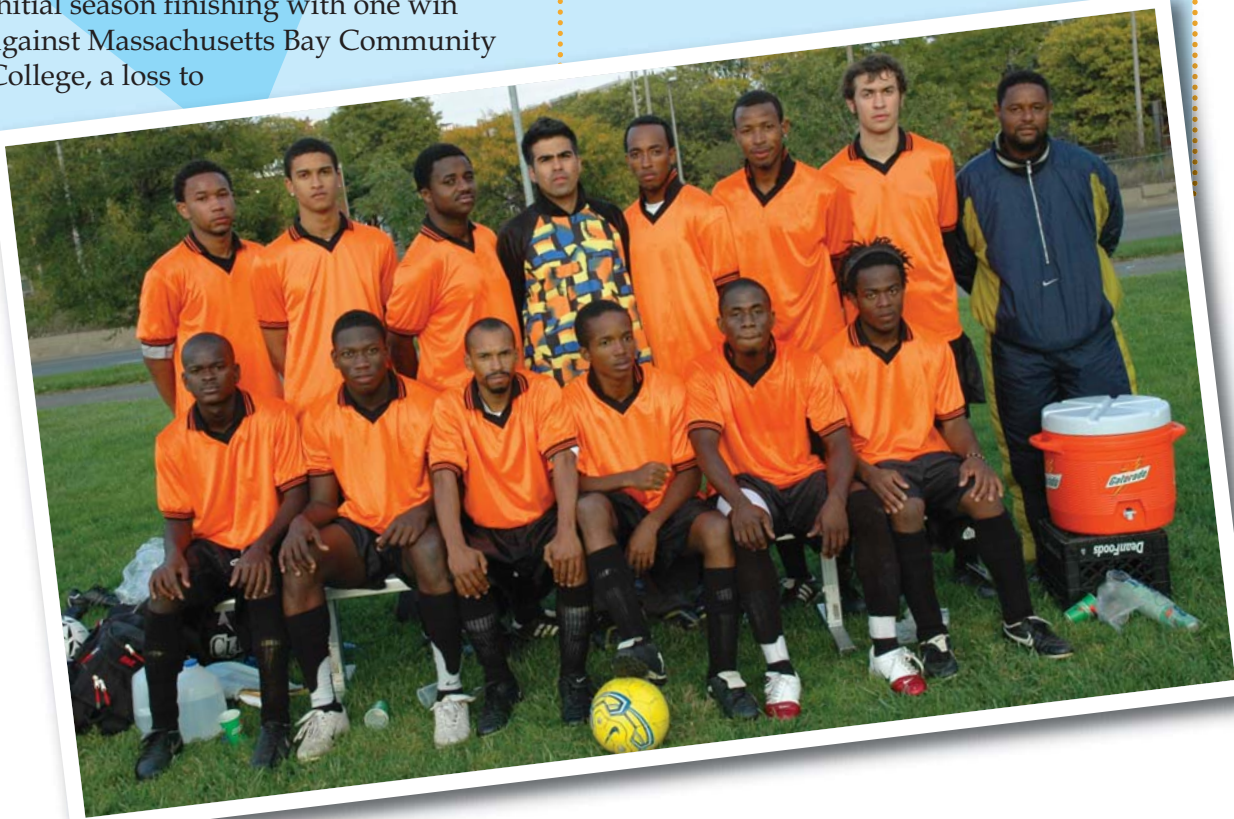


Athletics

This year Roxbury Community College athletics added two new sports (Men's Soccer and Men's and Women's Track and Field) to our athletic offering. Soccer will become a varsity sport next season.

The Soccer team performed well in its initial season finishing with one win against Massachusetts Bay Community College, a loss to

Springfield Tech, and a tie to Bunker Hill Community College - the reigning state champions. We are looking for continued success from the Soccer program as our first year Head Coach Garry Lacombe is working very hard on the recruiting.



Learn and Serve Grant

Roxbury Community College was asked to participate in a Campus Compact Grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service. RCC will participate in this grant along with member campuses from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The RCC proposal involves a pilot course to train students to work with young woman ages 12-18 at two Boston Center for Youth and Families community centers. The grant which will provide funding over a three year period represents a major step in establishing service learning as a component of the College's curriculum.





Welcome to...

Information Technology Services



RCC Chief Information Officer - **Walter T. Geer, Jr.** - with several IT staff members.

Our Mission

The mission of Information Technology Services at Roxbury Community College is to provide the Roxbury community with a reliable, secure, and managed information infrastructure facilitating the transfer of knowledge. Also to explore, recommend, and implement new technologies, which contribute to the educational mission of Roxbury Community College.



■ Computer lab upgrades to Writing Center, The Learning Center, and Library

This is a continuation of the college's technology refresh initiative to recycle all desktop technology in three-year intervals.



■ New state-of-the-art Computer Reservation system in Library

The new Pharos PC reservation system ensures that each student has equitable opportunity to access essential computing resources during peak times.

Information Technology

■ New Faculty Laptop initiative

All full-time faculty have been issued laptop computers as a part of the college's efforts to incorporate technology into teaching and learning.

■ Server upgrades

This is a continuation of the college's infrastructure technology refresh.

■ Migration to a thin-client, Citrix application environment

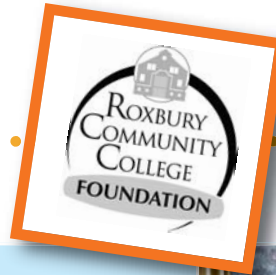
The college's ERP system (Jenzabar) has been migrated to a thin-client environment, improving the ease of access for users from any computer.

■ Automatic generation of student email accounts

All student email accounts are now generated automatically and issued to students during registration.



Development Highlights



Thanks to Donor contributions, the RCC Foundation, and the RCC Development Office fundraising activities at RCC are well underway. The college continuously seeks sources of funding for students, faculty and staff development, existing programs, and new initiatives.



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The first annual RCC Foundation Scholarship Breakfast at the Algonquin Club of Boston. (1) Host-Senator **Joseph Timilty**, (2) Guest Speaker- **Thomas Finneran** with Executive Officer for Development **Karen Walker**, (3) (left to right) Thomas Finneran, Dr. Alane Shanks CFO, and Dr. Brenda Mercomes - VP of Academic Affairs, (6) (Left) RCC Foundation President - **Robert A. Williams III** and RCC Foundation member - **Al Brown**



Student **Rose Mary Finley** and **Theophilus Adjetey** at the Annual Grand Givers's reception at the home of Rhoda and William Sapers, (VP of RCC Foundation).



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(4) After-work gathering at the Pfizer Corporation hosted by former RCC Foundation board member **Connie Chan**.

(5) (from left to right) VP of RCC Foundation - **William Sapers**. Director of Diversity Stop & Shop - **Sabrina Williams**.



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Administration and Finance

Financial Highlights

For the Years Ended June 30

2006

2005

Schedule of Operating Revenue

State Operating Appropriation	12,787,013	12,086,616
State Capital Appropriation	224,578	-
Tuition and Fees *	5,768,727	5,631,540
Federal Grants	3,757,316	4,013,380
State Grants	1,226,516	1,308,522
Other Revenue	742,626	698,457
Total Operating Revenues	<u>24,506,776</u>	<u>23,738,515</u>

*includes tuition and fees paid through financial aid

Schedule of Operating Expenses - Natural Classification

Compensation and benefits	15,611,539	15,017,704
Supplies and services	4,023,865	3,749,536
Scholarships and fellowships	4,373,692	4,394,791
Total Expenses	<u>24,009,096</u>	<u>23,162,031</u>

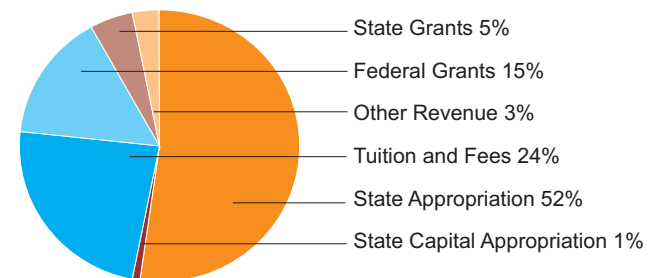
Note: Depreciation expenses are excluded.

Schedule of Operating Expenses - Functional Classification

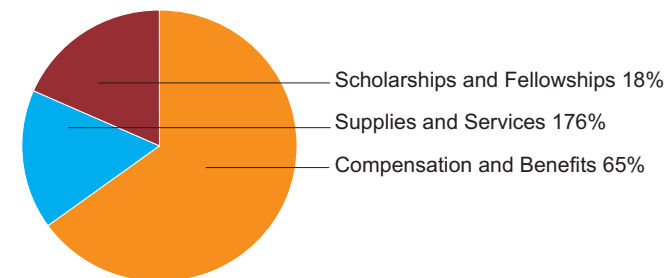
Instruction	7,528,238	7,416,227
Academic Support	2,052,936	1,925,463
Student Services	2,993,514	2,860,340
Institutional Support	3,047,379	2,682,403
Public Service	1,514,404	1,284,227
Operation & maintenance of plant	2,498,933	2,598,580
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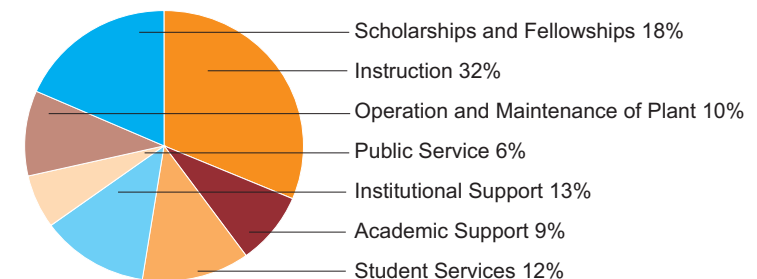
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2006 Operating Expenses - Natural Classification



2006 Operating Expenses - Functional Classification



Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.....

The Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center had another spectacular year in 2006, as it continues to serve as the primary facility for Massachusetts public high school track & field competitions, home for Roxbury Community College's athletic and intramural programs, fitness center and a meeting place for community organizations. This world-class facility has hosted events such as the internationally televised Reebok Boston Indoor Games, USA Track & Field Championships, NCAA Division II Championships, Masters National Championships and an array of high school track and field league meets including 17 leagues.

Additionally, we hosted the spirited Governor Deval Patrick Rally that included special guests Senator Barak Obama, former Governor Michael Dukakis and more than 5000 attendees. Cultural and civic events such as the Mexican Independence Day dinner, Caribbean Carnival king and queen competition, METCO meeting, Whittier Street Health Center Men's Health Exposition, and the Annual Vegetarian Food Festival are some of the events hosted by the Center.

Athletic events such as the Bay State Games, YMCA Pee-Wee Basketball Championships and the Bay State Magic AAU basketball tournaments are annual events at this premier facility.



Governor **Deval Patrick** and Senator **Barak Obama** address a capacity crowd of 5,000 at Governor Patrick's campaign rally.



Runners reach for the finish line at the **USA Track and Field Championships** hosted by the RLTA.





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